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Dear Mr. Mullard:

A review has been conducted of your revised draft #3 plan modification that was received in the BLM Salt Lake Field Office on March 27, 2006.

During our review, a few more deficiencies were identified that will need to be addressed before the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) can continue processing your modification. We appreciate your cooperation and need clarification of the deficiencies we have noted. We believe with these relatively minor corrections, that the mine plan modification can be approved. I have also attached to this letter a copy of a letter from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM) dated April 25, 2006, that identifies deficiencies/comments that they have with Draft #3.

Please respond to all of the deficiencies/comments below, and in the DOGM letter, preferably again with redline/strikeout text, so that we can see where in your plan modification these changes were made. This needs to be completed before we can process your modification any further. Your revised draft will be Draft #4. Once you have made all of your revisions, submit copies of Draft #4 to DOGM and the BLM for further review(s).

Below are the deficiencies/comments that the BLM found while reviewing your draft modification.

- Page 3, 2.A.1. You state the Project Area is shown on figure 2. Figure 2's Project Boundary has placer claims 2, 3, 4 and 5 removed like it should, but mill site claims 2, 3, 4, and 5 have also been removed. Figure 2 will need to be corrected with the proper boundary. Appendix A will also need to be corrected by removing placer mining claims 2, 3, 4, and 5. While we are on the subject of your Project Area, you state on page 3, 2.A.2 that the Project Area is approximately 127.2 acres (public and private) and on page 12, you state you will continue to harvest stone within the Project Area as shown on Figure 5. There is no problem having a Project Area larger than the area proposed to be disturbed, but you must realize that you will only be able to collect material and conduct mining related activities on authorized areas that you have had an

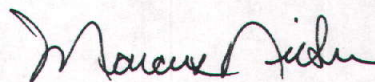
archeological inventory completed on. Any surface disturbing activity outside the authorized area will constitute a trespass and will be dealt with as such.

- Page 10, third paragraph. The vaulted toilet (both of them) and loading dock are located on public land, not private. This will need to be corrected.
- Page 10, Common Variety Materials. Insert what you have deleted from this section, because this is one of the terms agreed upon in the November 17, 2004 agreement and it will be part of this approved Plan.
- Page 13, first paragraph. You state "Surface collection may occur within the blue-stippled area shown on Figure 5 over the life of the mine". If you assert that this building stone is un-common, then you would not be able to collect surface rock from Mill Site No.3 as shown in Figure 5. For Mill Site No 3 to be a mill site, it needs to be non-mineral in character and therefore would not contain an uncommon variety of building stone which would make it locatable under the mining law. This correction will need to be made before further processing of this Plan can be done.
- Page 17, first paragraph. This paragraph needs to be re-worded to say only concrete and existing underground water lines will be buried on site and all other debris will be removed during reclamation.
- Page 17, Recontouring. You state "Ripper spacing will not exceed 24 inches", but the Cat Spec's in Appendix C has them at 48" spacing. A correction will need to be made.
- Figure 3, 4, 5, and 8. These figures don't show the location of the vault toilets.
- Figure 5. Change blue-stippled area in Mill Site No 3 and the current permitted area on the west side of the fence of Mill Site No 3. If any type of road up-grade is needed for surface collecting on the north side of Rock Creek in parcel "L", it needs to be addressed in the Plan before any work is conducted.
- Figure 8. Put the location of the vault toilets in red (Demolition) in their appropriate places. If the road north of Rock Creek in parcel "L" is up-graded, it will need to be reclaimed along with the other roads. In the Notes section, include "AND GATES" in the statement "FENCES ON PUBLIC LAND WILL BE REMOVED"

The BLM has completed a preliminary review of your reclamation cost estimate and believes if the corrections are made according to DOGMs letter, it should satisfy the requirements of 43 CFR § 3809.500.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, Larry Garahana of my staff would be more than willing to assist you, feel free to contact him at (801) 977-4371.

Sincerely,



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